



FATAL SPILL: Ray Caselli, 43, of Reseda, Calif., was killed yesterday during the American Power Boat Spring National Championships at Oakland, Calif. He

sustained spinal cord injuries and died several hours after the accident. Top row of photos shows him approaching the finish line at a speed of 131.38 mph, then

the boat overturns and throws the driver into the water. In bottom row of photos, Caselli's parachute has opened and jerks him into the air. In second photo, debris from

the blown-fuel flat bottom racer follows him before he falls back into the water with his chute, which activates automatically. (AP Wirephotos)

LMC Waits Decision On Hearing

*State Examiner Listens To
6 Hours Testimony*

BY BILL RUSH

Staff Writer

It will require at least a month before a state labor department trial examiner will submit his decision to the Michigan Employment Relations commission on charges of unfair labor practices heard Monday against the Lake Michigan college board of trustees.

Examiner Joseph Bixler said the decision will take at least a month, following six hours of testimony at the courthouse in St. Joseph on charges filed by

the LMC Federation of Teachers.

Some 50 members of the 66-member full-time faculty of the institution have been on strike since Feb. 15, after failing to reach contract terms on salary differences.

Attorneys for the teachers' union and for the trustees will be allowed to file additional briefs with Bixler, before he renders his decision. A 20-day period for appeal is allowed after his decision is announced.

In charges spelled out at the hearing yesterday, the union specified the college board made no offers regarding salaries that would resolve the differences and omitted intentionally its actual position to exclude automatic incremental increases from future contracts.

Atty. Bernard Fieger of Southfield, representing the teachers, said the board destroyed negotiations by publicly changing the theory of its bargaining position last month in attempting to eliminate the automatic increases. This caused the teachers to believe that

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JAMES SCHWARK
Super Drawing Entry

Has Chance To Win \$200,000!

BY LYLE SUMERIX
South Berrien Bureau

THREE OAKS — Berrien county's first entry in the weekly \$200,000 state lottery super prize drawing is James Schwark, 32, of 304 Paw Paw street, Three Oaks.

He will compete for the top prize Thursday at 9:45 a.m. at Lansing Mall. As a super prize entry, he is assured of at least \$10,000.

Schwark is the third person from southwestern Michigan to compete in the super drawing. The other two have each won \$50,000.

"I couldn't believe it," said Schwark, who works with his father in Schwark's tavern in downtown Three Oaks.

"I was calling in for the winning numbers, and looked at the

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Benson Brushes Off Anti-Police Petition

By DICK DERRICK
SJ City Editor

St. Joseph township's new police department will begin operations April 1 despite filing of petitions Monday night with 1,070 signatures asking that the township board rescind its action of Feb. 5, creating the department.

William Achterberg, 761 Valley View drive, presented the petitions to Supervisor Orval Benson who said the board would look them over.

However, Benson declared: "So there will be no misunderstanding the board has already taken action to set up the force, hired men, bought uniforms and done whatever is necessary (to get the department started). This action has been taken over a month ago."

Benson stressed it is entirely within the authority of the township board to set up a police department. Township Atty. John Crow explained later that such action cannot be overturned by petitioners at a regular meeting or by electors at the annual meeting.

The petitions also objected to the township board establishing a police department without a public hearing or obtaining voter sentiment.

The petitions said that a law enforcement contract with the Berrien county sheriff's department is favored because "(we) feel it will offer a more efficient police agency with less tax dollars spent."

The township's current contract with the sheriff's Building Authority and the city department for police protection expires March 31.

There were 19 persons present at the meeting Monday night with most of them on hand to discuss the police department. Benson let the debate run well over an hour. Questioning the decision of the board to establish the new

department were Tom Mathieu, 1901 Valley View drive; Erik Fiskars, 1873 Nash drive; R. Owen Maier, 2203 Ann drive; Gerald E. Veine, 1123 Fairlawn; and Jack B. Hart, 1450 South Manor drive all of St. Joseph township.

Sheriff Forrest (Nick) Jewell attended the meeting to ask for a \$500 appropriation for the Berrien Metro narcotics squad. Jewell also commented briefly on the township police

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SHEAF OF PETITIONS: These petitions said to contain 1,070 signatures were presented last night to the St. Joseph township board. The petitions ask the board to rescind action establishing a township police department and continue a contract with the sheriff's department for police protection. (Staff photo)

High Costs Delay Stadium Roof

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — Rising construction costs have forced planners to delay putting a roof on a proposed Detroit Lions football stadium near here until other money becomes available.

The Pontiac Stadium Building Authority and the city commission said Monday the \$3 million roof for the 80,000-seat

facility cannot be funded with the current \$41-million budget.

Construction costs are rising at a rate of \$400,000 a month, officials said, and the roof could not be funded without a higher city tax subsidy.

Pontiac residents approved a \$15.95-million general obligation bond last December to help finance the stadium.

Officials said architects have developed an alternate plan to permit construction of a roof support structure to which the roof may be added later.

Detroit Lions officials could not be reached for comment, but Pontiac officials said they had agreed with the decision. Construction was to begin in June, with completion set for August 1975.



MAN IN THE MIDDLE: Joseph Bixler (center), trial examiner for the Michigan Employment Relations commission of the State Department of Labor, is the man in the middle who has to decide whether Lake Michigan college has been guilty of unfair labor practices in its bargaining negotiations during the past year with the striking LMC Federation of Teachers. Flanking Bixler during a hearing Monday in the Berrien county courthouse in St. Joseph, at left, are:

June Fieger, field representative of the Michigan Federation of Teachers; Edward Shaffer, chairman of the teachers bargaining team; Atty. Bernard Fieger of Southfield, counsel for the teachers. At right are: Atty.

Robert Claus and James Denbo of Chicago, attorneys for the college; William Niemi, LMC vice president for business affairs; and Dr. Walter Browe (behind Niemi), LMC executive vice president. (Staff photo)

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Editorial Page

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The Weekend That Could Have Been Done Without

The chap who invented the television slogan, "It's not nice to fool Mother Nature," most probably works in a climactically controlled Madison Avenue advertising office, commutes from a home in nearby suburban Connecticut, and playing 18 holes of golf or barbecuing a steak on the patio is likely his most intimate association with the elements. This is not to quarrel with creativity, however artificial may be the environment from which it develops; but merely to point out the guy penned a bigger mouthful than he realized.

Had he been in the Great Lakes states from somewhere around midnight Friday to Monday's sunset, the scene might have been prompted him to try an improvement on an older slogan which reads, "Nature in the raw is seldom mild."

Destructive and disruptive as was the St. Patrick's weekend in our area, the consolation for what it may be worth was that other localities sustained greater harm and inconvenience.

Because the storm is bound to be duplicated at unknown future dates, two lessons stand out from the experience.

The interruptions in electrical power service should be proof enough about how dependent all of us are upon this energy source and what it forebodes if that source is forced to deteriorate under the benign neglect which some of the more vociferous and ignorant environmentalists advocate.

We doubt if even the power companies' work crews who labored like Trojans to restore service would give a cheer for a theory which carried to its extreme would return the human species to the cave-dweller's ecological background.

The other impression is the necessity for putting better thought to the lake erosion problem than can be drawn from the hypotheses put forward up to this time.

Decades ago it was accepted doctrine to say that the Mississippi and the other

major rivers in the country were beyond human control.

In the sense that if a second Noah's flood were visited upon the earth, this is true; but from the viewpoint of engineering against predictable damage that dogma has been punctured.

Flood control along a large river's banks is attainable to a degree today, the degree being the ability to hold the damage potential below what it would be if nothing were done.

The Great Lakes present a larger challenge because of the wind effect which is a negligible factor on a river.

We have heard any number of solutions, instant and otherwise, emanating from the most part from shoreline property owners who lack the expertise and the resources presumably available to governmental agencies which have been charting the Great Lakes' vagaries for at least a century.

So far, however, the Army Engineers, the group charged by law with the first voice in solutions and which brought reality to river flood control, has maintained an Olympian silence on this problem.

Though many a shoreline owner has brought down his trouble on himself by injudicious construction siting, the difficulty goes past coming to the rescue of private property.

Erosion to land is a continuing process, the same as is the rusting of the nails and metalwork in a building. Inhibitors must be found if the entire structure is not to be eaten away.

Legend has it that St. Patrick responding to a religious impulse improved things in ancient Ireland. At least he didn't wait for the native heathen to continue themselves into ignominy.

The Wild West movies had the U.S. Cavalry saving the settlers' wagontrains in the nick of time.

Is it not about time for the Engineers to go on the offensive?

'Maybe If You'd Stretch A Little--'



GLANCING BACKWARDS

MAKING PROGRESS ON SEWERS

—1 Year Ago—

The Berrien Board of Public Works learned of progress on major sewer projects in the county and voted to pay bills totaling more than a half-million dollars in a 2½-hour regular session yesterday in the courthouse, St. Joseph.

A representative of Yerington & Harris, Inc., of Benton Harbor, contractor on the formerly problem-plagued Hickory Creek sewer interceptor to serve Lincoln and St. Joseph townships, gave the BPW a work schedule calling for interceptor completion by November if "ideal" working conditions exist.

BLOSSOM QUEEN CONTEST SET FOR APRIL 3

—10 Years Ago—

Mrs. Marshall Doak, chairman of the 1963 St. Joseph Blossom Queen committee,

announced that Warren Colby and Herbert C. Klapp will be organist and master of ceremonies, respectively, for this year's contest. The event will take place in the St. Joseph high school auditorium on April 3.

Colby, a product of the American Conservatory of Music in Chicago, came here in 1926 to be theater organist at the Caldwell. In 1927 he became organist at the Liberty theater in Benton Harbor. Klapp has been very active in civic affairs in the Twin Cities. He has worked with the United Fund, Boy Scouts, Junior Chamber of Commerce, Junior Achievement and the Whirlpool Management club.

WINTER BLASTS GREET SPRING

—29 Years Ago—

Old Man Winter, shunted aside in favor of spring, let loose with pent-up wrath today

giving the nation something to remember him by—snow, rain and sub-freezing temperatures.

The old fellow's swan song echoed with fury from New England—where snow fell at the rate of an inch an hour—to the deep south where a biting north wind buffeted the Texas Panhandle. The middle west battled drifting snow and treacherous sleet while snowplows bucked a blizzard in Utah.

SHAKE HANDS

—39 Years Ago—

The United States and Japan today "shook hands across the Pacific" in a significant exchange of notes mutually pledging peace. Secretary Hull said, "If unhappily there should arise in the future any controversy between our two countries, the American government will be prepared, as I believe it always has been in the past, to examine the position of Japan in a spirit of amity."

RETURN FROM SOUTH

—49 Years Ago—

Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Stock have returned from Florida where they spent the winter months at Palm Beach and Miami. They were accompanied by their granddaughter, Miss Marjorie Stock.

TO BE CONFIRMED

—59 Years Ago—

A class of 24 will be confirmed next Sunday at St. Peter's Evangelical church.

CELEBRATE ELECTION

—83 Years Ago—

The residents of the beach had a great jollification back of the knitting mill one night last week in honor of the election of the Citizens ticket, which was headed by Dr. A. H. Scott as mayor. Three kegs of beer were disposed of, and there was fun galore.

BERRY'S WORLD



EDITOR'S MAILBAG

VETERAN TEACHER SCORES ADMINISTRATION

Editor,

As many people know, I have taught 25 years at the college. (I can't say "Lake Michigan College," because it was first called "Benton Harbor Junior College," then "Community College" and finally by its present name.) For the first 15 years the president was Dr. Clarence Beckwith, and his relationship with his faculty was a close, warm one. We were a family. Oh, there were arguments in faculty meetings, and Dr. Beckwith would appear distressed, but we all felt we had a right to speak up and express our ideas. We were a real part of the institution. Our administrators at that time put students and faculty first. We had many problems in those early days, financial and otherwise, but we felt teaching was a wonderful thing, and we took pride in our profession.

Under the present regime—especially during the last few years—teachers and students have been relegated to a minor position. First came the building program, the maintenance of the grounds, landscaping of the grounds, then the guarding of the grounds and building. Millions of dollars were poured out cheerfully for these things. More and more administrators were added to the staff—and they were housed in luxurious offices, far, far, from the HOI POLLOI (students and teachers). If we tried to see an administrator, we were told by his secretary, "He is in conference," or "He is out of town." Once in a blue moon (and I do mean BLUE) there would be a meeting, and an administrator would address a few lofty remarks to us. If we asked questions we would get some double talk, and the meeting would soon end.

Teachers are never allowed to even get near a member of

the board. A few of us have made reports on particular departments to the board; in such cases, we had a certain set time, and we were kept strictly to our topic. It was obvious that remarks off the subject would not be welcome. I am reminded of the old rhyme:

This is the city
of Boston
The home of the bean
and the cod
Where the Lovells speak
only to Cabots
And the Cabots speak
only to God.

At LMC the administrators speak only to the Board Members—and the trustees speak only to God!

During the last two years I have been made to feel, as a teacher, that I am expendable—all my years of experience are of no account. The courses I have taken and the travel, always at my own expense, in an effort to improve myself, are of no significance. The administrators obviously consider that any graduate of a college, with a B.A. degree, can do just as good a job and is a lot cheaper!

Then the money saved can be spent on really important things: buildings and equipment and landscaping and more and more administrators.

The heart of any school is the classroom. In the classroom are human beings—who ought to be treated as human beings, not as numbers and dollar signs.

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OPPOSES HANOI AID

ATLANTA, Ga. (AP)—The American eagle perhaps should be changed to a "cuckoo bird" if the United States helps rebuild North Vietnam, Lt. Gov. Lester Maddox said Monday.

Ray Cromley

Devaluing Dollar Is Questionable



WASHINGTON (NEA)—An elementary study of economics will demonstrate to the most listless scholar that devaluation of the dollar won't bring about all those benefits we've been hearing about.

For one thing, the major imbalance is with Japan. (The United States slid from a favorable \$240 million in 1964 to an unfavorable \$4.1 billion in 1972. The Japanese sold this country large amounts of automobiles, steel and electronic equipment.)

Despite the loud outcries from some Japanese producers, devaluation of the dollar and the upward trend of the yen will not, in the main, hamper Japanese exports to the United States if the Japanese take the simple, logical steps open to them. If proof is needed as to Japanese confidence on this score, study the stocks of the major Japanese manufacturers with markets in the United States. They have done well indeed on the Tokyo Stock Exchange.

According to the logic put out by whomever is advising the Nixon administration on this matter, a higher yen will mean Japanese goods will sell for higher prices in the United States. This is theoretically true (in simplistic terms) because the dollars the Japanese get for what they sell here will net them fewer yen than before.

But these analysts forget one elemental fact. Japan basically

is a middleman. It buys huge amounts of raw materials abroad, then processes these imports into manufactured goods and sells them at home and abroad.

As the yen is valued up, Japanese manufacturers get their raw materials at lower prices (in terms of yen). This reduces the cost of the goods they export and it lowers also the cost of goods the Japanese use at home if those items are made from imported materials.

By carefully controlling where and what they buy and what they sell and where, a type of control at which the Japanese have shown virtuosity, Tokyo's exporters can achieve almost the same trading advantages they had before dollar devaluation.

There is, in addition, the possibility that the United States will be in a worse position after devaluation. For a goodly amount of the things we buy from Japan and other countries are luxuries. We buy them regardless of price because prestige is associated with their use.

There are some economists, in fact, who hold that this buying of luxuries is the root of our trouble. These men say that nations run into trouble when the Gross National Product rises too far too fast. For them the citizenry buys so much abroad and invests so much overseas the monetary balance is upset.

Jeffrey Hunt

John V. Lindsay:

End Of A Style



It seems almost yesterday that John V. Lindsay was supposed to be ushering in a new era of American politics. He was, it was said anyway, handsome; but above all he was pure. He said all the correct things. And when he was at his best he made strong men—in the media, at least—weep.

When he first ran for mayor of New York City in 1965, Lindsay promised and was expected to bring about a miracle. The odd thing is that he has actually fashioned one. He has brought it about that in the most liberal city in the nation it is impossible for a liberal to run, plausibly, for mayor.

The line of Democratic candidates vying for the nomination resembles in its length the line outside the ticket office of "Last Tango in Paris." But the candidates have been like piranhas, with Lindsay as the water buffalo. Take Congressman Ed Koch, from Greenwich Village and

that part of the East Side that used to be called the Silk Stocking District. He is not a major political figure, and probably never will be, but he is running for mayor and he is symptomatic.

Koch came into public notice by way of the Democratic Left in New York City. Running a "reform" campaign, he unseated the local boss, Carmine De Sapio, in a monumental ethnic struggle. "Enlightened" liberalism had defeated De Sapio's entrenched machine.

Today Koch is running against Lindsay, and even against liberalism. Koch's erstwhile liberal constituency, which once hated the Tammany types at the clubhouse, now hates something else: crime.

In 1964 and 1968 Barry Goldwater and Richard Nixon were accused of using code words for racism if they mentioned the crime issue.

Ed Koch now sounds as if he had hired some of these old Republican speech writers.

Announcing his candidacy at a rally at the Biltmore Hotel in Manhattan, behind him the blue, white and orange flag of New York City, Koch certainly seemed to be picking up the old conservative themes: "New Yorkers want to know that the laws will be obeyed." "Wow! That might seem like a commonplace elsewhere, but for seven years Lindsay has been explaining why it is so difficult for the poor, the oppressed and the discriminated against to obey the law."

Koch also knew he had to make some sort of bridge between his old liberal rhetoric and the new tone of his candidacy for mayor. I thought he did rather well, asserting: "I think you can be liberal and still be rational. . . . the real liberal finds a way to deal with problems."

That is a very rich formulation. The first ten words say that Koch "still" thinks that you can be liberal and also rational. That is, despite the evidence of Lindsay. That is, too, you can be "liberal" and also pick up the Republican motif of "crime." The next ten words are even richer. If you do all this disavow Lindsay, run against crime, and in general sound tough—then you are a "real" liberal.

Foreign Aid Eye Opener

The official budget of the United States government is an imposing document detailing the spending of public funds. Some of that detail is not clearly identified and Congress took action to pinpoint at least one item of the budget, foreign aid.

Congress required a listing, in one place, of all efforts being made by the United States to help foreign governments. It did so after Administration officials were unable to tell Congressional committees the total assistance being dispensed.

The first report has been received by Congress and it is an eye opener. Described as the most complete summary of foreign aid ever compiled, the report confirms suspicions that American generosity to other governments is several times the official figure.

To illustrate, the budget lists \$4.5 billion for foreign economic and military

assistance. The special report provided for the first time this year lists \$11.3 billion in "grants and loans" to 115 countries by six government departments. Nor is that all.

If all types of economic assistance to other nations, including insurance, property transfers and military sales, are included, the total is about \$20 billion.

There are some surprises on the list of nations receiving grants, also. Spain is receiving \$516 million as a "less developed country." West Germany and Japan, two wealthy creditors in U. S. trade, also are aid recipients.

Now that Congress finally has a true tally on foreign aid spending, the next ask is to look into the specifics involving countries which, in the monetary world at least, are better off than the United States.

Fingerprinted

Few Americans will leave behind them "footprints on the sands of time," but chances are even that their fingerprints will have been preserved by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The Bureau has more than 150 million

sets of prints jamming its files, representing, with allowances for duplication, almost 100 million individuals. The large majority of the cards carry the fingerprints of government employees, defense workers, members of the armed forces and visiting aliens whose first official contact in this country is with a finger printing ink pad.

In the history of fingerprinting, thumbs came before fingers. More than 2,000 years ago Chinese rulers signed documents with their thumb prints.

Toward the end of the 19th century, an English magistrate in Bengal, Sir William Herschel, devised the first workable system of identifying prints of all the fingers. After some changes, the system was adopted by Scotland Yard in 1901.

The following year the New York City Civil Service Commission began the first systematic fingerprinting in the United States. It was designed to prevent applicants from hiring stand-ins to take their job tests.

By 1924, law officials across the country had amassed 810,000 criminal cards. These were pooled to start the FBI files.

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SJ Shore Owners Crunched Aid Beacons Are Dim

Two Lions Park drive property owners got sympathy but little or no reassurance last night when they appealed for help from the City of St. Joseph in defending their shoreline property from the high water and storms of Lake Michigan.

Howard Harboldt, 1114 Lions Park drive, and Jack Struwin, 1112 Lions Park drive, asked about the status of flood in-

surance in St. Joseph, what property owners could do to fight the ever-rising tide, and if the city could aid them in any way.

Harboldt and Struwin own

the last two pieces of property at the southern end of Lions Park drive next to Lions Beach.

They were told by City Atty. A. G. Preston Jr. and assistant City Manager Gerald W. Hepler that the city was not in a position to be of much help. "We are having problems with our end of the seawall in that area and, frankly, there just isn't money available to extend the seawall," said Atty. Preston.

Hepler explained that among the city's problems was the continuing battle to protect the city's water and sewage treatment plant at the south end of Lions Beach.

Hepler and Mayor Franklin Smith suggested that area property owners band together as a committee and "sit down with the city and see what we can work out."

Harboldt said he felt any action taken by the city to extend or build a new seawall in that area would be to the city's advantage as well as property owners.

"If it wasn't for our two houses," said Harboldt, the Lake would already be up on Lions Park drive.

Atty. Preston said that the city has finished gathering all information needed to qualify St. Joseph for federal flood insurance, but that it might take some time yet before the city was approved.

"And let me point out that this insurance covers flooding only, not erosion," Atty. Preston said.

Struwin asked if fill was available to dump in the area and was told by Hepler that such fill is in short supply and that the city is having difficulty obtaining fill to use around the water plant.

Commissioners passed two special assessment resolutions that will help the city pay for improvement of the intersection of Lake Shore drive and Cleveland avenue.

The state highway department plans to widen 600 feet south on Cleveland avenue and cut a new street across city property approximately 120 feet south of the present in-

tersection. The street would run north and south and would create a new intersection on Lake Shore drive.

There were no objections voiced to the two resolutions. Permission was granted by commissioners for the planting of a Freedom Tree at the

When Water Was Lower

Former St. Joseph Mayor Tom Sparks remembers happier days along Lions Park drive.

After last night's St. Joseph city commission meeting, Sparks said that in 1930, he lived at 1114 Lions Park drive and played baseball in the back yard of that address.

"I remember one day we were playing ball and a group of surveyors measured land for five lots out toward the lake," said Sparks. "I don't know how big the lots were, but there was plenty of room."

Sparks recalls that by 1936, high water was starting to hit the shoreline and the lake claimed its first garage.

Berrien county Boy Scout headquarters on Lakeview avenue.

The Freedom Tree dedication is scheduled for April 29 and will honor Major Joseph Shanahan of Grand Rapids, a prisoner in North Vietnam since he was shot down over North Vietnam on Aug. 15, 1968.

Major Shanahan, of Grand Rapids, will attend the local ceremony, along with his wife, Barbara, and their son and daughter.



I & M EMPLOYEES CITED: John P. Banyon (right), Benton Harbor division manager for Indiana & Michigan Electric Co., accepts in behalf of division employees, trophy for compiling best safe work performance record in entire seven-state American Electric Power System, during 1972. Making presentation in New York is Donald C. Cook, chairman and chief executive officer of American Electric Power and president of I & M, an affiliate of AEP. Benton Harbor division employees ended 1972 with 1,693,108 manhours worked, without a disabling injury. BH division also won the award in 1971.



FEATURED PERFORMER: The spiraling, upward mating flight of the male woodcock, above, is one of Mother Nature's annual "rites of spring" and can be observed at Sarett Nature Center on "woodcock walks" at 7 p.m. March 22, April 17 and April 26. (Walter Booth photo)

At Sarett Center Woodcocks Now Starring

By WALTER BOOTH
(Special Correspondent)

Among star performers in the annual spring show at the Sarett Nature center are Woodcocks.

These chunky, short-legged, long-billed birds which probe for worms in soft soils of thickets provide nightly entertainment for any who care to visit the center to see and hear the nocturnal antics of birds.

The 175-acre center is located on the Paw Paw river at Benton Center road, northeast of the Twin Cities.

One evening recently, this correspondent visited the center to see for himself what the WOODCOCKS' dramatics were all about and to photograph the captivated human audience.

Until the birds took over, Charles Nelson, director-naturalist at Sarett was in charge. Nelson explained that the Woodcock, or Timberdoodle, stages a nightly courtship performance that consists mainly of spiraling flights from the ground and back again, producing all the while a twittering song.

Preceding each flight performance, Nelson said, the birds remain on the ground and utter repeatedly an easily

audible note —bzheep.

Warning us that we should advance only when the birds were in the air, Nelson led us forth along the nature trail.

Sure enough, we could clearly hear the bzheep, bzheep, bzheep. Soon these notes were succeeded by the twitter of the bird as it spiraled upward, and by a twitter of different quality as it came back to perch again.

Straining our eyes through the gathering dark we were able to discern one bird as it rose "singing."

The "song" actually is produced by wing action and not vocally, said Nelson.

Again and again the bird repeated its act. At one time we saw two birds.

The nightly courtship performances of the Woodcocks continue throughout early spring. Interested people may have rig-side seats at these shows on scheduled Woodcock watches at 7 to 8:30 p.m., March 22, April 17 and 26, according to Nelson.

The attention of the audience was only briefly diverted by the plunge of this reporter into the marsh from the raised boardwalk trail as he backed off in the dark for a flash photo of the spectators.

'International' Help Needed For Beach

The Benton Harbor city commission Monday discussed erosion damage to Jean Klock park beach, with Commissioner Virgil May summarizing:

"We need state, federal, and international help to get that corrected."

The commission agreed that to get the help needed for Jean Klock, and other areas, it must work with other governmental units and agencies. No formal vote was taken, but the commission asked that a resolution be put in writing to be acted on next week.

Commissioner Daniel Chapman said he viewed the

beach at Klock park on Sunday and "felt insignificant," compared to Lake Michigan wave action. City Manager Charles A. Morrison said something has to be done, but "I don't know the answer."

Major damage at Klock park was described as the loss of about 100 yards of sidewalk in the northern portion of the beach area.

It was reported that a jetty extending into the lake about 225 yards north of the park's boundary may contribute to erosion. Sand is being swept from the north beach area and deposited into roadway in the

south end of the park. Who built the jetty and whether it was built legally, or illegally, have not been determined. It also was reported that the Army Corps of Engineers plans a hearing on the structure, to determine if it can be shortened, or removed.

Meanwhile, Morrison said that for about \$6,000, sand could be brought in to refill the eroded north park area. He admitted that this would be only a temporary measure. Morrison said Jean Klock park beach is still in better shape than other Twin Cities beaches, and, with new sand, could be used this summer.

Two Companies Seek Franchises

BH Will Vote On Cable TV

Benton Harbor residents will vote sometime this year on whether to grant at least one firm a franchise to operate a cable television system in the city.

The city commission last night approved a franchise agreement with Arrow Electronics and Construction Co.,

based in Kalamazoo. Earl Drake, firm president, asked for the franchise. Under the city charter, a franchise can be issued only after approval by three-fifths of the residents voting on the issue.

Commission action last night okayed the request for an election.

City Manager Charles A. Morrison said the matter would be on the ballot sometime this year.

There could be two franchise bids for cable TV on the ballot, inasmuch as a second firm, headed by Aman Kahn of Stevensville, also seeks a franchise. It was reported that an agreement, identical to the one approved for Arrow, had not been received by the city commission. Kahn's firm has yet to be named.

City Atty. Samuel Henderson earlier reported that more than one firm could apply for a similar franchise and, theoretically, both could be approved to operate in the city.

Drake said he has met all requirements to operate, including insurance. Drake said cable television would direct more Michigan channels into the Twin Cities, along with the setting up of a local station, not available to owners of non-cable sets. Local cable stations present varied programs, including educational lectures and political debates.

Drake also noted that cable television is optional to individuals who may subscribe at a fee of \$5.95 a month for one TV set and \$1 monthly for each additional TV set in the house.

The commission vote was unanimous, with only Daniel Chapman abstaining, because he is employed by a utility,

Indiana and Michigan Electric. Cable TV utilizes separate wires from regular utility lines.

In other matters, the commission withheld approval of a license to new owners of the Liberty theater, 212 East Main, pending inspections by the city building inspection department and state fire marshal. The license request was from Ellis Hull and Ira Williams, who indicated by letter they had purchased the theater, closed since last Oct. 29. The two Benton Harbor men are partners in the venture with Charles Jenkins of Detroit. Their letter stated the hope of resuming movies by April 1. The purchase price from Highland Building Corp., Chicago, was not revealed.

The commission also:

—Approved two licenses for Action Ambulance Co.

—Voted to have the city clerk schedule public hearings on an assessment roll and a review of engineering plans for paving one block of Bishop, between Empire and Baird.

—Voted to demolish two substandard houses at 384 Park and 1946 Milton, after public hearings.

—Referred to committee a request by Willie Dillon to establish a youth center at 720 East Main, the former TRI-CAP building. Dillon, a former Benton Harbor boxer and Golden Gloves champion, said cost of renovations, including installing showers, would be about \$2,000, with another \$800-

\$900 needed for equipment. Dillon said the club would feature boxing, but include wrestling, judo, or just plain exercising—anything to help keep boys busy.

Model Cities is considering aid in the finances, it was reported. It also was reported that Rex Sheeley is assisting by donating the building.

SENT TO PRISON

WINDSOR, Ont. (AP) — Marcel Hurlbise, 30, of Montreal, was sentenced Monday to 10 years in prison for his part in a bank robbery here last March.

Hurlbise had pleaded guilty to the \$14,000 robbery of a branch of the Royal Bank of Canada.



HONOR VOLUNTEER FIREMEN: About 100 persons attended the Tri-Unit Fireman's appreciation dinner Sunday evening at the St. Joseph Kickers Sport club during which awards were presented to members with 10 to 45 years service. Al Hoge (left) receives a 35-year award from Harley Marschke, Royalton township supervisor (center) and Loyd Both, chief of Tri-Unit. Receiving a 45-year award but not pictured was George Fusko. Tri-Unit is a volunteer fire organization covering Lincoln and Royalton townships and the village of Stevensville.

ABCC Elects Four New Veeps



JOSEPH HOOD



GEORGE KROGER



RAY KUHN



FRANK PRIBYL

The election of four new vice presidents have been announced by Stanley G. Petzel, president of Appliance Buyers Credit Corporation, wholly-owned finance subsidiary of Whirlpool Corporation.

Elected officers of the firm were Joseph E. Hood, vice president, retail service; George J. Kroger, vice president, controller and assistant secretary; Raymond J. Kuhn, vice president, inventory service; and Frank J. Pribyl, vice president, personnel.

Hood joined ABCC in May of 1971 as general retail credit manager. Prior to coming to ABCC, he was employed by Sears, Roebuck and Company for 23 years where he held

assignments in the field of consumer credit. Kroger began his accounting career in 1950 and joined ABCC in September of 1968. He was elected controller in 1965 and assistant secretary in 1968.

Kuhn joined ABCC in field operations and held assignments at Indianapolis, Indiana, and Louisville, Kentucky. In March of 1970, he was assigned to corporate headquarters in St. Joseph and became general wholesale credit sales manager in March of 1971.

Pribyl has served as director of personnel since November of 1969. Prior to joining ABCC, he spent 18 years with Whirlpool corporation in personnel assignments.

Seven Fathers \$19,000 In Arrears

BY BRANDON BROWN
Staff Writer

Seven dads owing more than \$19,000 in back support for children were ordered Monday in Berrien circuit court to start paying up.

Two of the fathers were threatened with jail if they don't start working by Friday.

Judge William S. White found Edgar Kirby, of Coloma, and Thomas Roscoe Stack, of 961 Chicago avenue, Benton

township, in contempt for identical \$6,325 arrearages for two children each. The judge put both on two-year probation, ordered each to pay \$25 weekly support and \$5 weekly on arrears, and ordered each to spend six months in jail if not working by Friday, George Westfield, Berrien friend of the court, reported.

Stack's two children are on ADC but Kirby's are not, he added.

Judge Julian Hughes found Billie Joe Pierce, Sr., of 203 South Main street, Berrien Springs, in contempt for \$3,799

arrears for four children on ADC, ordered him on a two-year probation and ordered \$42 weekly support and \$10 weekly on arrears, Westfield reported.

Homer Paten, of Kalamazoo, was found in contempt for a \$1,840 arrearage for one child on ADC, ordered to pay \$150 immediately plus \$10 weekly support and \$5 weekly on arrears in Judge Hughes' court, Westfield reported.

In other hearings before Judge White, Westfield reported:

—Tommy Wooden of route 1, Eau Claire, was ordered to pay \$30 weekly support for two children on ADC plus \$5 weekly on \$1,740 in arrears.

—Gary Pease of 4285 Curran road, Buchanan, was ordered to pay \$20 weekly support for one child on ADC plus pay a \$282 arrearage.

—Alan S. Burns of 205 East St. Mary, Decatur, was ordered to pay \$11 weekly support for one child on ADC plus pay \$22 arrears forthwith.

Galien Instructor's Status Hazy

Pupils Want Teacher Back

By IYLE SUMERIX
South Berrien Bureau

GALIEN — What school officials call a voluntary leave of absence for a high school chemistry teacher has touched off a series of student and parent protests here.

In the latest demonstration, a delegation met for about an hour this morning with Schools Supt. Stanley Macklin over the status of John Hunerjager.

The meeting came after about 60 students converged on Macklin's office about 8:45 a.m. About 45 of the students returned to classes about 9 a.m. after Macklin met with the delegation and agreed to continue to meet with them.

The meeting with the delegation lasted about an hour. No indication was obtained on whether students would continue their demonstrations.

duties at the end of the teaching day March 12 and has not returned.

Macklin by telephone said this morning that Hunerjager had asked for and was granted a leave of absence. He declined to elaborate on the reasons for the request.

Spokesmen for the demonstrating students, however, said the teacher's departure was triggered by complaints

from four other students. The complaints, the spokesmen said, had been filed with school officials prior to the teacher's departure. They also said the students filing the complaints now wanted to withdraw them.

Today's action came in the wake of two student demonstrations at the school yesterday and the appearance of about 75 persons at the school board meeting last night. Macklin was not present in the district yesterday or last night and was unaware of demonstrations.

The school board scheduled a special meeting for 7 p.m. Wednesday to delve into the case. Board members told the

75 that they were unaware of the reasons behind the case.

An attempt by some board members to order Hunerjager's return lost for lack of support. Members Frank James, Mrs. Wanda Babcock and James Hemminger voted for the order, but members Duane Goodenough and Chris Schau opposed it and board members William Geik and Duane Smith abstained.

Petitions supporting Hunerjager and signed by 90 students and a majority of the high school faculty were presented to the board.

Hunerjager, a teacher in the system for about five years, would not comment yesterday

on his status. He referred inquiries to the district office of the Michigan Education association (MEA) in Berrien Springs. MEA officials declined to comment also.

His wife, who also teaches in the Galien system, attended the board session.

Student reaction to the teacher's status began yesterday morning when an estimated 40 to 50 student stayed out of class for about 15 minutes. A second demonstration occurred when about the same number of students declined to report for class after the lunch break.

High School Principal Robert Busher said the students were

orderly and returned to class in about 20 minutes after he talked with them. He denied he had told them Hunerjager would return to the classroom Thursday.

During the board's regular action at the meeting last night the board adopted a preliminary 1973-74 budget of \$818,595 for submission to Berrien county tax allocation board. This is \$29,363 more than current one.

The board also approved a recommendation by elementary principal David Porrell that students entering kindergarten be 5 years prior to Sept. 1 each year. Those tur-

ning 5 prior to Dec. 1 would be enrolled only after submitting to a readiness test. Past policy has been to enroll students turning 5 by Dec. 1.

A request from Galien Athletic Boosters for \$100 toward purchase of pitching machine for baseball program was approved. Boosters already have raised \$400 of estimated \$500 cost.

The board also accepted resignation of Mrs. Catherine Hinks, kindergarten teacher for 17 years, at end of school year; approved hiring of Richard Roscoe as custodian, and took under study federal funding allocation for next school year.



STANLEY MACKLIN
Says move voluntary



ROBERT BUSER
Meets demonstrators



JOHN HUNERJAGER
Leaves position

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Home And School Association Meets

The Home and School association for parents and teachers of the Lake Michigan Catholic schools will hold its March meeting at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the middle school in Benton Harbor.

Dr. Ben Phillips, president of the Twin Cities Area Catholic School Fund, Inc., will discuss the purpose and program of the fund organization. Association officers will be elected during a brief business meeting.

The high school chorus and drama department will present a preview of the musical "South Pacific," which currently is in rehearsal.

Decatur Budget About \$250,000

DECATUR — A special public meeting last night called by the Decatur village council to discuss the village's new budget produced only general discussion among councilmen.

No citizens of the village turned out to hear what is being proposed or to participate in the exchange.

Councilman Daniel McKeeby said "lots of figures" were tossed around, but that a final figure probably won't be determined by the council until its regular meeting of April 2.

Including debt retirement on the village's sewer system, McKeeby said the total outlay of the village probably will run about \$250,000. He said that the operating budget of the village is shaping up at roughly \$10,000 more than a year ago when the budget totaled \$158,353 for the fiscal year.

Debt retirement obligation for the sewer system, which has been in operating since summer of 1971, would increase the total village spending into the \$250,000 range, he indicated.

The budget discussion was the only item of business considered at the special meeting.

Deputies' Union To Be Main Topic

PAW PAW — Van Buren county commissioners will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the courthouse here.

County Board chairman Donald Hanson of Hamilton township said the meeting is a special meeting called for possible board action on the hiring of negotiators to represent the county in contract talks with recently-unionized sheriff's deputies.

Hanson said the board may take up other routine items during the session.



PACKED HOUSE: Parents and students packed Galien school board meeting last night on behalf of high school

teacher John Hunerjager who "voluntarily suspended himself" from the classroom March 12, according to

Galien Supt. Stanley Macklin. (Staff photo)



DEMONSTRATION SCENE: An estimated 40-50 students from among 400 enrolled at Galien high school staged demonstrations yesterday and today at school to protest what school officials called "voluntary suspension" of chemistry teacher. Two demonstrations

were held yesterday and a delegation appeared before school board last night to demand reinstatement of the teacher. A sit-in at schools superintendent's office was planned for today. (Staff Photo)

Muskegon Man Killed In Crash Near Holland

HOLLAND — A Muskegon Heights man was killed and three persons were injured when the car in which they were riding early today ran off I-196 at a speed in excess of 100 miles per hour and rolled over.

Golden Donson, 23, was dead on arrival at Holland hospital, police said.

State police from the South Haven post said a car believed driven by Donson was being pursued by a state police patrol car at speeds which reached an estimated 120 to 135 miles per hour when the accident happened south of Holland. Troopers said the car failed to negotiate a curve, left the east side of the roadway and rolled several times before coming to a stop on its roof.

Troopers said they began pursuit of the car approximately two miles north of South Haven, but never got closer than about one-half mile to the car. Occupants of the accident vehicle claimed they did not know they were being

8 Auto Deaths In Allegan County In 1973

chased, officers said. Troopers said the patrol car's red light and siren were in operation. Listed in serious condition at Holland city hospital this morning was Horace Williams, 20, of Muskegon Heights. Released after treatment were Anthony Williams, 16, and James Arnold, 25, both of Muskegon Heights.

The death was the eighth traffic fatality reported this year in Allegan county.

Traffic Deaths

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
State Police count March 20:
This year 417
Last year 419